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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(i), Applicants hereby cite the following reference(s):

OTHER ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Office Action issued February 28, 2005 in Japanese patent application number 2002-295429
(with translation)

Search Report issued August 18, 2005 in European patent application number 03022877.9

Applicants are enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2). Applicants respectfully request that the citation(s) be placed into the file wrapper of the application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicants are attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 CFR §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 CFR §1.56(a).

Reference E1 is an Office Action issued in the counterpart Japanese application. The Office Action cited "Mathias WIEN, et al., File name: Q15-K-24, August 22-25, 2000, pages 1-5", which was already disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement dated March 24, 2005. Also, Reference E1 is in Japanese. Applicants are submitting an English translation thereof.

Reference E2 is a Search Report issued in the counterpart European application. The Search Report cited "Mathias WIEN, et al., ISO/IEC JTC1/SC29/WG11 AND ITU-T SG16 Q.6, XP-002339407, May 6-10, 2002, pages 1-12", "Mathias WIEN, et al., XP-002339410, December 4-6, 2001, pages 1-5", "Mathias WIEN, et al., vol. 4671, XP-008050719, January 21-23, 2002, pages 1040-1051" and "S. ADACHI, et al., ISO/IEC JTC1/SC29/WG11 AND ITU-T SG16 Q.6, XP-002339408, October 9-17, 2002, pages 1-4", all of which were already disclosed in the Information Disclosure Statement dated September 19, 2005.

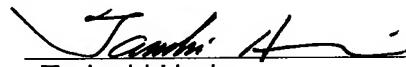
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